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SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 1, NATO
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS
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 10. NPG MEMBERSHIP.
- END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS. SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED THE
APPOINTMENT OF V. LOPPENTHIEN (NORWAY) AS DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT,

AND OF JAMES VILLALOBOS (US) AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL. LOPPENTHIEN IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

2. NATO 32. LUNS SAID THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL LABERGE AND MC CHAIRMAN ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON HAD AGREED THAT A THIRD MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS ON AEW "MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA". LUNS SAID HE THOUGHT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE SCHEDULED, AND HE SUGGESTED FEBRUARY 17-18 AS DATES, WITH FEBRUARY 16-17 AS A SECOND CHOICE.

CATALANO (ITALY) REITERATED HIS DOUBTS ON THE UTILITY OF AN AEW SYSTEM FOR ITALY. HE DID NOT CHALLENGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SYSTEM, OR NATO'S NEED FOR IT, BUT HE DOUBTED THE SYSTEM WOULD BE OF EQUAL UTILITY TO ALL ALLIES. PAULS (FRG) SAID THAT THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS, AND THIS LED THE CONVERSATION TO WHETHER THE MEETING OF MINISTERS COULD BE HELD IN MARCH AT ALL BECAUSE OF THE WINTEX EXERCISE. LUNS SAID THAT EVEN WITH WINTEX, TIME COULD BE FOUND FOR A MEETING OF MINISTERS.

(NOTE: WINTEX DATES ARE MARCH 1-17.)

HARDY (CANADA) REITERATED THAT CANADA WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN AEW UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS: THAT AEW WOULD BE A TRULY NATO-WIDE SYSTEM, AND THAT A CONSENSUS WOULD BE REACHED ON COST SHARING, I.E., THAT A "CONSENSUS" WOULD BE REACHED BETWEEN THE US AND FRG. HE NOTED THAT, IN THE BEGINNING, CANADA HAD BEEN LESS COMMITTED TO AEW THAN MOST
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ALLIES, BUT NOW CANADA IS MORE FORTHCOMING. HE FELT THAT CANADA HAD MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL AT THE FIRST FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN UP AT THE SECOND MEETING. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE APPRECIATED THE HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

NO PERMREP DISSENTED FROM SYG'S INFORMAL PROPOSAL OF FEBRUARY 17-18 AS THE DATES FOR THIRD FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING, AND COMMENTS ON THE FRINGES OF THE LUNCH SUGGESTED THAT THESE DATES WOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED STATE 22959, AND ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDINGLY. END COMMENT.

3. NAC CONSULTATIONS. LUNS PROPOSED AS TOPICS FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS CSCE, LOS, AND EASTERN EUROPE, PER THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PANSO ON JANUARY 28 (USNATO 502). THERE WAS NO DISSENT. LUNS STATED THAT HE WOULD LATER ANNOUNCE DATES FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS.

4. DANISH PROPOSALS ON NATO ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS. LUNS SAID HE WOULD SOON ANNOUNCE ANOTHER MEETING IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE REGARDING THE DANISH PROPOSALS ON NATO ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS. (COMMENT: IN FURTHER DISCUSSION BY PERMREPS, WE SHALL DRAW ON PARA 2, STATE 15870. WE HAVE NOT DRAWN ON THIS GUIDANCE AT PERMREPS LUNCHES BECAUSE OTHER PERMREPS DID NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT AND SEEMED DISPOSED TO DELAY FURTHER DISCUSSION

TO A PRIVATE MEETING. END COMMENT)

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5. NATO INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING. LUNS SAID THAT HE HAD A REPORT FROM ROME ON GENERAL FOURNAIS' BRIEFING, WHICH HAD BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. ALL MINISTERS AND KEY MILITARY OFFICERS HAD ATTENDED. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY CATALANO.

6. GREECE AND TURKEY.
KIRCA (TURKEY) SAID THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME THE OCCASION OF HIS REMARK WAS THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AT STRASBOURG ON JANUARY 29. END COMMENT. KIRCA ALSO POINTED WITH SOME SATISFACTION TO THE MAKARIOUS-DENKTASH MEETING. HE THOUGHT IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT
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THEY HAD MET AT ALL, AND THERE WAS A MARKED DIFFERENCE IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS MEETINGS. GREAT DIFFICULTIES REMAINED, BUT THEY WERE "NOT INSURMOUNTABLE."

7. NORWEGIAN ESPIONAGE CASE. BUSCH (NORWAY) BRIEFED THE PERMREPS ON THE NORWEGIAN ESPOONAGE CASE, ALONG THE LINES OF OSLO 480. HE SAID THAT, SO FAR, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED

THAT WHATEVER INFORMATION THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN DID NOT COMPROMISE NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PROTESTED ALLEGED NORWEGIAN ILL-TREATMENT OF ONE OF THE SOVIETS, WHO HAD RESISTED THE NORWEGIAN POLICE SEEKING TO ARREST MS. HOVIK.

8. TREATMENT OF SPAIN IN NATO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES.

BUSCH STATED THAT NATO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SPAIN TO DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE. THIS WAS A POLICY ISSUE AND NOT A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. (COMMENT: BUSCH WAS REFERRING TO REFERENCES TO SPAIN IN SACLANT/ CINCHAN'S MARITIME FLEXIBILITY REPORT, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED IN MCM 81-86, 4 NOVEMBER 1976, AND IN EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP WORKING PAPER AC/281-WP(77)1 (REVISED), 13 JANUARY 1977. NORWEGIAN REP IN EWG MADE A SIMILAR REMARK -- USNATO 417 END COMMENT)

THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT THE SPANIARDS THOUGHT ABOUT THE ALLIANCE THAN WHAT THE ALLIANCE AS THINKING ABOUT SPAIN. HE HOPED THAT REMARKS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ABOUT CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF SPAIN WOULD NOT LEAK TO THE SPANIARDS, SINCE SUCH REMARKS COULD BE OFFENSIVE TO THEM. TINE (FRANCE) SUPPORTED THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS, AS DID LUNS. SVART (DENMARK) SAID THAT SINCE THE RELATIONSHIP OF SPAIN TO THE ALLIANCE WAS A SENSITIVE POLITICAL QUESTION, IT SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED IN A PRIVATE MEETING.

9. PARTICIPATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AT BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

TINE RAISED THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
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IN DELEGATIONS AT THE BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE. HE VIEWED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH PRESENCE WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN, AND WONDERED IF IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ALLIES TO "HARMONIZE" THEIR STANCE ON THIS QUESTION. LUNS NOTED THAT IF PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, COMPLYING WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE DELEGATIONS, THERE MIGHT NOT BE A PROBLEM. THERE WAS SOME FEELING AMONG PERMREPS THAT THIS WAS A MATTER REQUIRING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

10. NPG MEMBERSHIP. CATALANO ASKED THE AMBASSADOR ON THE FRINGES OF THE LUNCH ABOUT THE US REACTION TO MAKING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NPG GENERAL, THEREBY ENDING THE PRACTICE OF ROTATING MEMBERSHIPS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT SINCE HE HAS NO GUIDANCE ON THE MATTER, HE COULD NOT COMMENT. (COMMENT: MISSION VIEWS ARE OUTLINED IN 76 USNATO 6877. END COMMENT.)

11. THERE IS NO PERMREPS LUNCH SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8 DUE TO THE CCMS SPRING PLENARY AT DUSSELFORD. NEXT PEREREPS LUNCH WILL BE FEBRUARY 15. STRAUZ-HUPE

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